

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed October 16, 2006. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 1-11 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Shaffer, et al.* ("Shaffer '181," U.S. Pat. No. 6,389,181).

As indicated above, each remaining independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been directed against Applicant's claims in a previous form. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

As for the merits of the Shaffer '181 reference, Shaffer '181 does not teach a system or method capable of comparing the detected features to features that were previously identified in previously stored images in an attempt to match the detected features with features of the previously stored images, querying the user to identify one or more of the detected features, receiving identification information provided by the user in association with one or more of the received images, and storing the received images and any user-provided identification information such that the identification information is associated with one or more of the received images. Furthermore, Shaffer '181 does not teach a system or method capable of presenting groups of images to the user as separate photo albums each comprising separate but related images that can be viewed individually in sequence.

II. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 12-22 and 24-27 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Shaffer' 181* in view of *Shaffer, et al.* ("Shaffer '461," U.S. Pat. No. 5,784,461).

As indicated above, each remaining independent claim has been amended through this Response. In view of those amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are moot as having been directed against Applicant's claims in a previous form. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejections be withdrawn. Furthermore, Applicant notes that Shaffer '461 does not remedy the deficiencies of the Shaffer '181 reference.

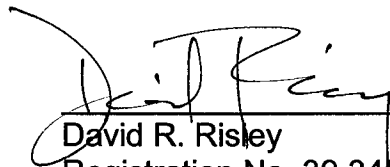
III. Canceled Claims

Claims 2, 5, 7, 9-19, 22, 23, and 26 have been canceled from the application without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to present these canceled claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequently.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that Applicant's pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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